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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS



HISTORY

The New Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Awards (NH-CLEA) were founded by Congressmen John E. Sununu and Charles F. Bass in 1998 at the request of current and retired New Hampshire law enforcement personnel.

STRUCTURE

All nominations for NH-CLEA are sent to a committee independent of the congressional offices. This committee is comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel that represent a cross-section of the New Hampshire law enforcement community. State, county, local officers make up the majority of the awards committee. Federal officials and county attorneys have been represented on the committee. Each congressional office sends a staff member to the committee to act as advisers. The congressional staff does not vote on nominations. The New Hampshire awards ceremony will take place in October of each year.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Eligibility

In New Hampshire, the nomination procedure is eligible for all sworn officers, full and part-time, including local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Nominations may be made for exceptional achievement in any police endeavor, including extraordinary valor, crime prevention, investigative work, community policing, community service, search and rescue, drug control and prevention and juvenile training programs. Citizens will also receive awards in special circumstances.

Endorsement

Nominations must have a signed endorsement from a citizen, the officer's department or co-worker, city or town official, a member of the NH-CLEA committee or a government agency.

Submissions

There are no formal applications or specified format required for submissions. It is recommended that nominations include a statement of specific circumstances involving distinguished police performance, supplemented by supporting documents such as departmental citations, letters of recommendation, newspaper clippings or personal observance. Submissions should be mailed to the awards committee or congressional offices.

Notification

There will be an awards event occurring once a year. Award winners are notified by the congressional office(s). Those submitting nominations should include work and home phone numbers for contact purposes.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The New Hampshire program has five categories that are presented each year. The first being;

Associate Service Award

The awards committee recognized the fact that rescue or fire personnel and civilians have come to the assistance of law enforcement personnel in the course of their duties, at times putting their own lives in harms way, deserved recognition for their help by the law enforcement community;

Unit Citation Award

The Unit Citation Award was made for actions that involved a group of officers in dangerous situations. A SWAT team action for example or, in the early 2000's, the award was given to members of the New Hampshire Fish & Game department that did a rescue on Mount Washington under extreme conditions. It should be noted that civilian mountain rescue groups that worked this same event received the Associate service Award;

Career Service Award

The Career Service Award is to recognize an individual(s) that have, over the course of their careers, have shown an outstanding dedication to law enforcement;

Dedication and Professionalism

This award was designed to honor law enforcement personnel that go beyond their normal duties in service to others. An officer who is a DARE instructor that spends time in the community after the shift is done or a officer who takes personal time to solve cold cases are just two examples;

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

This award is for officers who put their lives in harms way to help others. The NH-CLEA committee realizes that this is always part of any officer's duties but there are times when heroism and sacrifice in extreme circumstances need to be recognized. It should be noted that

this award has been given posthumous to law enforcement personnel but also to those that have survived such encounters. Other examples include rescues after accidents and dealing with people in distress.

SUMMARY

The NH-CLEA committee has worked hard to make the awards ceremony a family affair. They believe that families need to know that what their loved ones do is appreciated by their fellow officers, the New Hampshire delegation, and the community as a whole.

For information about the 2011 Awards Ceremony and recipients, please [click here](#) .

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